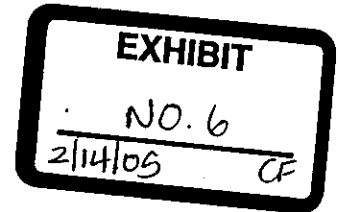


Exhibit F

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CONFIDENTIAL**Bryson, Joe (CME)**

From: Manning, Timothy (CME)
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2003 5:03 PM
To: Cronin, John (CME)
Cc: Evans, Richard (CME); Faherty, Jackie (CME); Bryson, Joe (CME)
Subject: Meeting of 5/14/2003



John

Thank you for sitting down with me, Jackie, and Joe, yesterday. Three hours is a long time to sit in one place. As requested, I have just provided you with a copy of relevant contract language pertaining to the accumulation of leave and status while on "Approved Medical Leave". I believe that an approved Medical Leave (LOA) is different from unpaid leave of absence (NOP) not on payroll (INP) Illness No Pay or (LNP) or Leave No Pay. This is why the computer, or PeopleSoft payroll system generated those balances. Secondly, as I answered yesterday, I was not 100% sure of all the legal details of the "Whistleblowers Act". Thus I have provided you with a copy of the legislation. The reason this was in the memo was all of these actions and non-actions seem to have occurred after these disclosures were made. Jackie was right, the contact at the Attorney General's Office has moved to another department, like I guess most of them do. I did not provide this distinguished public servants name because I also respect his confidentiality. If you feel that this "status" needs to be verified, I respectfully request that the pertinent information that needs to be disclosed be put forth in a written request. I am confused regarding the specifics of your request. I look forward to closure of these issues, yet this request seems to prolong the process of immediate closure. Thanks for your assistance.

Tim

7/7/2003